

Dementia including Alzheimer's Disease (DiAD) in SK (2014/15)

DEMENTIA is a loss of mental function that affects daily activities. It happens when cells in the brain die or important nerve connections are broken. Symptoms and manifestations of dementia can include memory loss, judgement and reasoning problems, and changes in behaviour, mood, and communication abilities. ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE is the most common cause of dementia.

About **1 in 15**

(6.6%) SK residents
65 years and older
suffered from DiAD

DiAD was **10% more common**
in females than
males

DiAD was
most common
in people
90
years and
older

In this age group,
1 in 4
(27%) residents were
suffering from DiAD

From **2005/06**
to **2014/15**,
people with DiAD were

4x higher risk of death
than people without
DiAD

From 2000/01 to 2014/15,
there were about

2,300

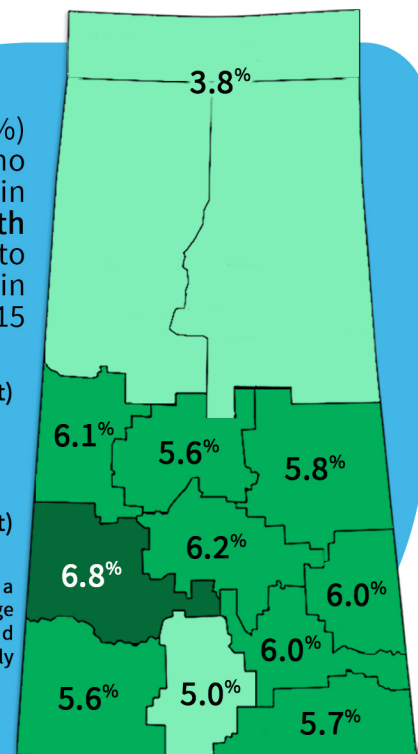
number of new cases per year

Prevalence (%)
of people who
suffer from DiAD in
former health
regions compared to
the province in
2014/15

- more common than SK
(statistically significant)
- not significantly
different than SK
- less common than SK
(statistically significant)

NOTE: Percentages assume a
standardized Canada 2011 age
distribution for each area and
are for comparison only

The percentage of
people with DiAD
in SK is **lower than**
Canada overall



SOURCE: Saskatchewan health
administrative databases including Person
Health Registry System, hospital services,
medical services using Canadian Chronic
Disease Surveillance System infrastructure
and case definitions